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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7. (Canceled)

8. (New) An apparatus for introducing a reducing agent containing urea into the exhaust of an internal combustion engine, the apparatus comprising

a reservoir,

a delivery unit,

a flow path for the reducing agent,

a ventilation device for ventilating at least one region of the flow path, the ventilation device being situated at a geodetic high point of the flow path, and

a ventilation opening in the ventilation device that always permits a return of a minimal fluid quantity to the reservoir.

9. (New) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the ventilation device comprises a float valve.

10. (New) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the ventilation device includes a solenoid valve.

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11. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the ventilation device comprises a flow throttle.

12. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a filter, and wherein the ventilation device is situated in the filter or in close proximity to the filter.

13. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a filter, and wherein the ventilation device is situated in the filter or in close proximity to the filter.

14. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising a filter, and wherein the ventilation device is situated in the filter or in close proximity to the filter.

15. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising a filter, and wherein the ventilation device is situated in the filter or in close proximity to the filter.

16. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the filter is able to operate in two different installation positions that differ from each other by approximately 90° and wherein the ventilation device is situated at an angle of approximately 45° between the two installation positions.

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17. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the filter is able to operate in two different installation positions that differ from each other by approximately 90° and wherein the ventilation device is situated at an angle of approximately 45° between the two installation positions.

18. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the filter is able to operate in two different installation positions that differ from each other by approximately 90° and wherein the ventilation device is situated at an angle of approximately 45° between the two installation positions.

19. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the filter is able to operate in two different installation positions that differ from each other by approximately 90° and wherein the ventilation device is situated at an angle of approximately 45° between the two installation positions.

20. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the ventilation device is situated upstream of the delivery unit.

21. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the ventilation device is situated upstream of the delivery unit.

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22. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the ventilation device is situated upstream of the delivery unit.

23. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the ventilation device is situated upstream of the delivery unit.

24. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the ventilation device is situated upstream of the delivery unit.

25. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the ventilation device is situated upstream of the delivery unit.